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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: EXCESS BAGGAGE RULES

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1. EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 16 DISCUSSED CONTENTS REFTEL WITH GENERAL DIEGO YNIGUEZ, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AIR TRANSPORT IN CIVIL AVIATION SECTION OF AIR MINISTRY. BASED ON YNIGUEZ'S REMARKS, AS AMPLIFIED BY COLONEL MANUEL GARCIA BENITO, COMMERCIAL AVIATION SECTION, PRESENT POSITION OF SPANISH AUTHORITIES ON EXCESS BAGGAGE RULES IS FOLLOWING:

- BOTH AN INCREASE IN REGULAR BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE (IN RANGE OF TEN KILOGRAMS, BRINGING ALLOWANCE TO 30 KILOS) AND A DECREASE IN AMOUNT CHARGED FOR EXCESS BAGGAGE ARE PRESENTLY NEEDED;

- BASIS FOR NEW RATE OF SEVEN-TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT OF NORMAL ECONOMY FARE PER KILOGRAM OF EXCESS SYGGESTED IN CAB STATEMENT WAS QUESTIONED BY SPANISH OFFICIALS, WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN EXAMINING CAB STUDY;

- IN ANY CASE SPANISH OFFICIALS BELIEVE
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NO CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE IN PRESENT

RULES PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 1976, UNLESS
CHANGES ARE EFFECTED THROUGH IATA AGREEMENT
(LETTER TO THIS EFFECT HAS BEEN SENT TO
IBERIA AND OTHER SPANISH CARRIERS);

- ALTHOUGH SPANIARDS WOULD PREFER TO SEE
IATA TAKE ACTION ON THIS AND RELATED
PROBLEMS, IF NO CHANGES ARE MADE AT
IATA MIAMI MEETING OR OTHERWISE THIS
YEAR SPANISH AUTHORITIES WOULD THEN
CONSIDER BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS;

- IN GENERAL SPANISH OFFICIALS AGREE WITH
OTHER EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS THAT EXCESS
BAGGAGE QUESTION IS ONLY ONE SMALL
PART OF CIVIL AVIATION TARIFFS PROBLEM
(PARTICULARLY NORTH ATLANTIC) WHICH SHOULD
BE EXAMINED AS PACKAGE AND NOT PIECEMEAL.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING
COPY OF STUDY WHICH PROVIDES BASIS FOR NEW RATES SUGGESTED
IN CAB STUDY FOR USE IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH SPANISH
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